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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re application of)	Group Art Unit: 2854
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Andreas KÜMMET et al.)	Examiner:
)	Leslie J. Evanisko
Application No. 10/538,656)	
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Filed June 10, 2005)	
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For: PRINTING BLANKET ASSEMBLY FOR)	
A BLANKET CYLINDER AND METHOD)	
FOR PRODUCING A PRINTING)	
BLANKET ASSEMBLY)	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement and Election of Species Requirement, which was mailed to the undersigned in the subject U.S. patent application on November 23, 2007, applicants elect to prosecute, in this application, the invention or group of inventions identified by the Examiner as Group I, claims 65-98, drawn to a printing blanket unit. In further response, applicants select the species of the selected invention or group of inventions identified by the Examiner as species A, the printing blanket of Figs. 3, 4 and 12. The applicants accept the Examiner's characterization of the generic claims of Group I and the claims which read on the elected species.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more divisional patent applications directed to the inventions or groups of inventions not selected for prosecution in the subject U.S. application.

An early and favorable Office Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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